



## **“Bring Your Own Kayak” Program Begins At New Quarter Park Aug. 19**

**Yorktown, Aug. 10**—The York County Parks and Recreation Division invites York County residents to “Bring Your Own Kayak” (BYOK) to New Quarter Park each third Saturday of the month beginning Aug. 19, including Sept. 16 and Oct. 21, and paddle with friends on Queen’s and Cub Dam Creeks.

Kayakers should arrive by 9:45 a.m. to sign in and confirm weather conditions and safety equipment, before driving to the put-in at 10 a.m. The put-in is located at the northernmost end of the Park, about one mile from the office and playground and two miles from the Lakeshead Road entrance to the Park.

“New Quarter Park and the creeks that surround it are relatively secluded,” said Sara Lewis, park interpreter, who leads the BYOK trips. New Quarter Park is on a peninsula and is encircled by Cheatham Annex, Camp Peary, Queen’s Lake, and the Colonial Parkway. “The views across salt marshes to coastal ridges are particularly enchanting in the fall. The variety of mature trees, shrubs, and native vines color the area in muted shades of green, orange and gold.”

Kayakers on past BYOK Saturdays have enjoyed the moderate exercise and camaraderie. “The water-hugging view from a kayak helps you get the right perspective on life,” said Lewis. “I love to introduce my favorite pastime to others and watch them discover how energizing yet relaxing it is.”

New Quarter Park BYOK Saturday trips last two to three hours, depending upon the interest of the group, with take-out between noon and 1 p.m. Paddlers are invited to bring a lunch to enjoy afterward in the Park’s shaded picnic shelters.

Park staff can assist boaters with put-in and take-out. To request assistance, for more information and to register for BYOK Saturdays at New Quarter Park, call York County Parks and Recreation at 890-3513.

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**PHOTO CAPTION**

Kayakers enjoy scenes like this one on Cub Dam Creek during BYOK Saturdays at New Quarter Park. Call 890-3513 to register for trips on Aug. 19, Sept. 16, and Oct. 21.



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